April 30, 2009 meeting minutes Cambridge GLBT Commission

I. Call to Order

Toni Snow recorded these minutes.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u> John Gintell, Sarav Chithambaram, Bob Parlin, Mal Malme, Toni Snow, Richard Juang, Priscilla Lee, Leslie Phillips, Tony Wieczorek.

- II. Motion to Accept Agenda: Passed.
- III. Motion to Accept Minutes from March 26, 2009 meeting: Passed.
- **IV. Review of CPD Tour:** Deputy Steve Williams led us on a 45 minute tour. Despite not being able to view the holding cells (they were occupied) we agreed the new Facility is impressive. Questions remain regarding processing of transgender individuals.
- V. Public Safety Subcommittee: Focus on Fire and EMT Workers.
 - A. Fire and EMT Sensitivity Training
 - (Toni S.) According to Bobby Aldrich of GOAL they can assist with future Fire/EMT trainings late Fall/Winter will be best for them.
 - (Toni S.) Contact Joanne Shapiro for information re training at CFD.
 - (Toni S.) Contact CFD re a meeting. Issues to cover:
 - 1. Introduce Commission -- its Mission and accomplishments
 - 2. Does CFD have Out GLBT employees?
 - 3. Has CFD considered a GLBT Liaison?
 - 4. Is GLBT sensitivity training offered?
 - 5. What areas can Commission help with?
 - (Toni S.) Contact Kelly Downes for copy of Hate Crimes Policy now that it has been implemented.
- **VI.** Elder Subcommittee: Toni S. and John G. represented the Commission at a "Gay and Gray" breakfast on April 21st sponsored by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services.
- **VII. Education Subcommittee:** New Superintendent, Jeffrey Young, has been selected. We discussed need to do outreach to Cambridge Charter Schools no tasks assigned yet.
- **VIII. Publicity Subcommittee:** Commission involved in various stages of planning upcoming events:
 - (J. Walker and Mayor's Office) Official City send-off for Chris Mason's May 10th Driving Equality tour.
 - (J. Walker and others) 5th Anniversary of Equal Marriage in Cambridge, May 17th.

- (J. Walker and others) Cambridge Pride planning Boston Parade Saturday, June 13th determine awards to be given and how best to attract youth to event.
- (Richard J. and Commission members) Plans underway with CCTV for taping a PSA on May 7th at 3:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.